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KINSHASA FOR RSO; NAIROBI FOR RSS/C.O., COMPANY "F"

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SUBJECT: ACTIVATION OF MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACHMENT

REF: NDJAMENA 1766

1. IN VIEW OF COMMENTS CONTAINED IN PARA. 3 OF REFTEL, NO
DIFFICULTY SHOULD BE ENCOUNTERED IN ESTABLISHING A MARINE
DETACHMENT AT YOUR POST. TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING APPROVAL
FOLLOWING INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED:

A. DEPARTMENT MUST BE ADVISED OF HOUSING ARRANGEMENTS.
MARINE HOUSE SHOULD BE OF SUFFICIENT SIZE TO PROVIDE SINGLE
BEDROOM FOR EACH MARINE AND AT LEAST ONE EXTRA BEDROOM TO
ACCOMMODATE TDY PERSONNEL OR FUTURE T/O INCREASE IF NECESS-
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ARY. ADDITIONALLY, HOUSE SHOULD CONTAIN COMMON SPACE SUFFICIENT IN SIZE TO ACCOMMODATE ENTIRE DETACHMENT AND GUESTS, AND BE FULLY FURNISHED. HOUSE SHOULD BE LOCATED IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO EMBASSY IF POSSIBLE.

B. QUARTERS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR NCOIC WHO MAYBE ACCOMPANIED BY DEPENDENTS. NCOIC'S QUARTERS SHOULD ALSO BE FULLY FURNISHED.

C. MINIMUM SIZE DETACHMENT IS ONE NCOIC AND FIVE WATCH-
STANDERS. RECOMMEND POST CONSULT WITH RSO ON POSTS TO BE
ESTABLISHED SO THAT APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF MARINES CAN
BE ASSIGNED INITIALLY TO AVOID LATER INCREASES.

IN THIS REGARD IT IS DESIREABLE TO OBTAIN 40 DUTY HOURS
PER MAN PER WEEK.

D. TARGET DATE FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF DETACHMENT MUST
BE PROVIDED. RECENT EXPERIENCE INDICATES ACTIVATION DATE
SHOULD BE FAR ENOUGH ADVANCED TO ALLOW SUFFICIENT TIME FOR
DELIVERY OF FURNISHINGS AND LEASE NEGOTIATIONS FOR MARINE
HOUSE WHICH SHOULD BE READY FOR OCCUPANCY UPON ARRIVAL OF
MARINES. USUAL PRACTICE IS TO HAVE NCOIC REPORT 15 DAYS
PRIOR TO REPORT DATE OF DETACHMENT TO PREPARE NECESSARY
ORDERS AND ACCOMPLISH ALL ADVANCE WORK.

E. PRIOR TO FINAL SIGNING OF ANY LEASE AGREEMENTS, IT
IS RECOMMENDED THAT MARINE COMPANY COMMANDER FROM NAIROBI
BE INVITED TO POST TO ADVISE ON ADEQUACY OF HOUSING.
WHILE NOT ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, THIS PROCEEDURE HAS SAVED
CONSIDERABLE PROBLEMS AT A LATER DATE.

2. REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF MARINE SECURITY GUARDS
MAY BE FOUND IN 3 FAM 149 AND 4 FAM 810-815. COPY OF
MARINE SECURITY GUARD HANDBOOK IS BEING FORWARDED FOR
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INFORMATION. SHOULD POST REQUIRE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMA-
TION OR INTERPRETATION OF EXISTING REGULATIONS, A/SY/OPS/
FO/MSG WILL PROVIDE UPON REQUEST. CHRISTOPHER

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